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Editor Notes —

It hardly seems possible that it has been 17 years since we first started this quarterly. It has brought many people to our door, both by mail and by visits. It takes quite a lot of research work. People have been very helpful in compiling some of the family stories, about schools and many other ways. But the task seems to get greater each year, so it is rather doubtful just how long we may or can continue. But we believe that what we have compiled and put together in these seventeen years will be quite a help to the history of Woodson County. We are looking forward to another year.

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Our cover picture is one of Lawrence "Lonnie" Wille, and his horse 'Jubilee', Lawrence and his fine horse led the parade in the Centennial of the town of Piqua, August 15, 1982, and again at the Centennial of the St. Martin's Catholic Church of Piqua on August 18, 1984. Lawrence thinks this is his last parade as the flag bearer. He and 'Jubilee' both seemed to enjoy the occasions. 'Jubilee' has reached the age of around 21 years, that is getting to be a good age for a horse. This old horse has been a part of the Wille farm since a tiny colt.

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The New York Valley Church of God celebrated its 100th year of service to that community, Sunday, September 2, 1984.

In 1884 a church class was organized here by a Rev. H.W. Cross, a circuit minister of the Churches of God of North America.

For many years there has been an annual Homecoming at the "Valley" church and is looked forward to by many people who have attended this church over a period of years.

This year was no exception as the annual Homecoming was also held with the 100th Anniversary celebration with a good-sized group of old and new acquaintances.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Organized March, 1965

Because of a conflict of dates of the Woodson County Fair, the regular meeting for July was held on Tuesday evening, July 31, 1984, at the 107 Inn, with 51 people present.

The program was presented by a representative of the Healthcare Services, a Certified Home Health Agency with headquarters at Coffeyville. She told of the many Home Health Care services that were available.

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The membership of the Woodson County Historical Society seems to average out about the same, with new members taking the place of those lost. The membership still runs around 250 members with the majority having Life Membership.

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IN MEMORIAN

Edythe Oswald

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July 29, 1984

Mrs. Oswald was a resident of Yates Center, and had been a member of the Woodson County Historical Society for several years. She attended all of the meetings until her health failed and she could not attend.

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Attendance at the Woodson County Historical Museum was fair the past season. September 3, 1984, (Labor Day), was the last day for the 1984 season. It can be opened by request.

There were around 300 names on the register for the past season. And some of these may be repeats. However, there are usually some of the different classes in school and other organizations tour the Museum, after school starts and cooler weather comes.

Special groups can tour the Museum by contacting curator or others.

Mrs. Jackie Stephan, is the present Curator and has spent considerably lot of time and work in rearranging articles.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Life Membership \$25.00

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Regular \$2.00 a year

ODDS and ENDS —

TORONTO, KANSAS, August, 1874 —

The Emporia District Camp meeting will convene at Toronto the 11th of August, 1874. Provisions will be made for the pastors of the District, their wives and teams.

Feed for the horses, lumber for tents, wood and water for the encampment at hand. People desiring tents put up in advance will address Rev. A. Davis - Toronto, Kansas.

August 29, 1874 —

The District Camp meeting came to a close on Monday last. Some 30 ministers were in attendance and the congregation on the Sabbath was estimated to number near 800. Lange did a good business during the camp meeting by running a hack to and from the grounds. Fare for the round trip including hash at the Toronto House - 25¢.

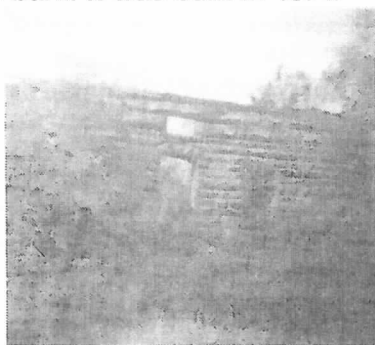
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CAPT. PECK —

Peck, one of the settlers coming to the Verdigris Valley following the Civil War, was said to be a captain of a Negro company during the War Between the States. Peck allegedly bought the land from Wm. Brazil, who homesteaded it in 1861.

This tract of land extending up a steep ravine. Peck brought a Negro family here to settle. Their name was Mitchell. They had twelve children. The cabin they lived in was along the steep ravine which took on the name Nigger Hollow.

Capt. Peck built a large native stone barn at the edge of the large bluff with the smooth limestone bluff making up the north side of the barn. It was built in 1874.



This picture was taken of the old barn just before it was taken down and most of the stone moved to the park at the east edge of Toronto. Where the old barn stood is now under the water of the Toronto Reservoir.

DAVID WALKER AND FAMILY —

David Walker was born November 9, 1859, and was a native of Olean, New York, where his ancestors settled when coming from Scotland.

In 1872, when he was about 13 years old David, with his parents moved to Woodson County, Kansas. His parents, John and Marian Walker, David, another brother Andrew, settled on a farm in Liberty township, six miles north and two miles west from Yates Center. However, they settled here about three years before Yates Center became a town.

John Walker and wife Marian homesteaded the S.W. quarter of Sec. 9, Twp. 24, Range 15. John received the Patent from the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, in May, 1872. We will leave John and Marian Walker and just take up the life of David and family.

On February 17, 1888, David Walker was married to Miss Victoria Mannum, at the home of her parents at Waverly, Kansas. David was evidently on the farm in Liberty as his address was given as Burt, Kansas, that was about a mile and a half from the homestead.

They were the parents of four children, Ed, Jennie, Charley and Clarence. Ed never married, Jennie married Ray Chambers, they had an adopted daughter Winona. Sometime after the death of Ray Chambers, Jennie was married to Archie Wells. Archie died not long after they were married.

Charley married Bernice Roller. They had four children, Charles Jr., Leona, Merlin and a daughter that died quite small.

Clarence married Mildred Shaff. They had two children, Everett and Evelyn.

The Walker families lived on different farms in the north and west of Yates Center. In 1904, they moved into a house in Yates Center, along the north side of West Mary St. along what is now U.S.-54, where the Hiway Food Basket is now located It was in this house that their youngest son Clarence was born.

Soon after this they moved to what at one time was known as the old Butler Ranch and later as Blackjack Land. This was 2 miles north, a mile and half west and back south about a quarter mile. They rented and lived on this farm for about 25 years.

Going back to when David was a young man it seems that he had a neighbor that lived about a mile to the south of the Walker homestead. This was Joel Wilder. For years Wilder had been a water well driller. Wilder had a rig and in David started help Wilder drill for water, learning the trade first hand.

After some time Joel Wilder and two daughters Cora and Olive moved to an 80 acre farm a couple of miles west of Yates Center. As he left that community, Mr. Wilder sold his water well drilling rig to David Walker.

Andrew Walker, a brother of David then helped him drill for water. It was also told that David Walker and brother Andrew had one of the first if not the first hay press in that area around Burt. This press was operated by one horse, with the horse just going a half circle.

(The following was written by Clarence Walker and the Editor thought it was written better than we could. Perhaps some change.)

My father, David Walker had a water well machine. He drilled a lot of wells in Woodson County about from 1900 until 1913, which was the last well I remember him drilling. He used four horses for the power to run the machine. In the years he was moving around some, the old machine whose frame was all made of wood was deteriorated, but he kept all of the tools.

In 1934 we moved onto a farm 7 miles northwest (3 miles west and four from Yates Center.) Here they wanted to see if they could find water and decided to see if I could build a machine. I made it out of an old tractor and truck parts. We made it all ourselves which was a slow job. No welder and having no holes in the frame. Everything was done by hand and bolted together by hand. We drilled our first well here at home in the summer of 1936 to a depth of 150 feet - and no water.

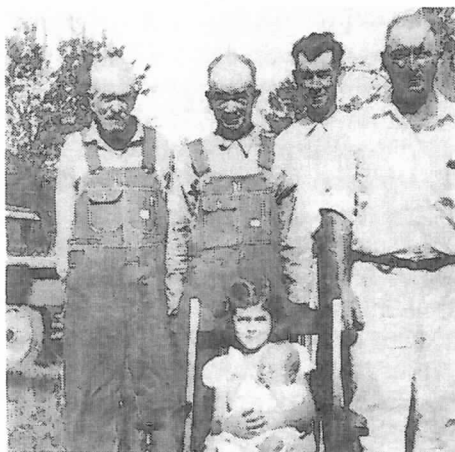
We had built the drilling rig just for our own use, but John Williams who lived two miles south of us came up and wanted us to drill a well for him, so we decided to try it. He offered to furnish the tractor, to run the tractor, furnish the gas and pay 50 cents a foot. We hit water at 40 feet.

(This was in 1936, one of the very dry years in the 1930's. Many farmers were hauling water for their livestock.)

This well was not far from the road and the County set up pipe and an engine to pipe water from this well to the tank at the road. People came from quite an area to get water here. Williams was also anxious to know the true value of his well and the people around could get plenty good, soft water. They kept the pumps going all day and part of the night, but never pumped it dry. As high as 100 barrels of water would be pumped in a day. The Walkers could hardly keep up with their water well drilling for some time.

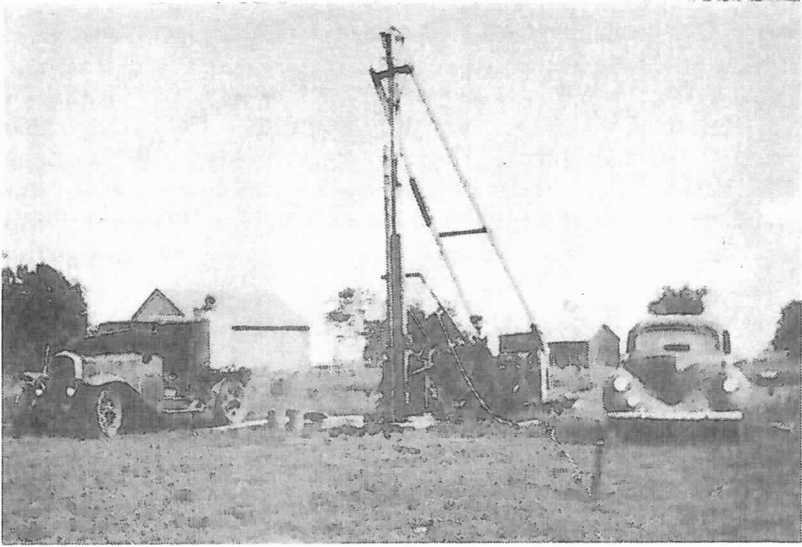
After David Walker grew too old to help with the water well drilling, Ed Walker an older brother of Clarence helped for awhile. Ed started working for the county running large machinery.

About the last 15 years that the Walkers operated the water drill, Clarence and his wife Mildred did the water drilling. Wanting to devote more time on the farm the water drill was disbanded.



Standing in the picture beginning at the left were David Walker, Ed Walker, Clarence Walker and Ray Chambers. In the chair were two grandchildren of David's. Winona Chambers, holding Everett Walker, seven weeks old. Bottom picture, at left is Mrs. Victoria Walker and daughter Jennie. Pictured on right is Charles Walker, Sr. and 1925 Chevy Coupe.

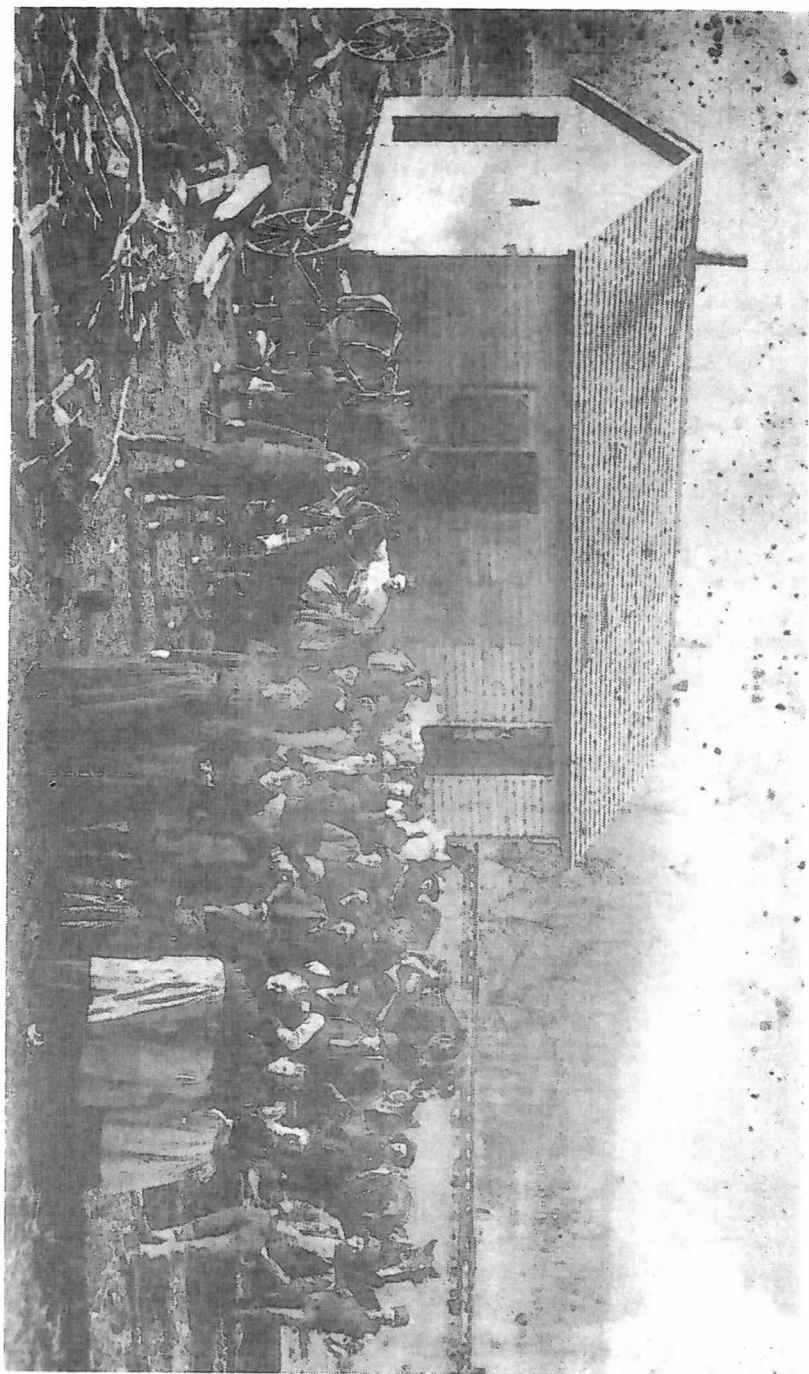




The water drill as it looked set up with Clarence at the controls. The car and tractor motors are at the left. This well was drilled on the Wallace D. Weide farm about five miles southwest of Yates Center.



This is a picture of Clarence with a close up of the controls. And his daughter, Evelyn. This picture was taken in 1944.



MOVING A HOUSE IN VERNON —

When the Verdigris Valley, Independence and Western Railroad came from LeRoy to Yates Center, the town of Vernon was started by Shannon and Foster. When the line was surveyed a small two room house was setting on the railroad right-of-way, and was not moved until after the railroad was built. The railroad track shows in the background.

The house belonged to Wm. F. "Bill" Harper. The occasion seemed to attract quite a lot of attention from the number there.

The power for the moving seemed to be four teams of horses and mules, with the wagon gears of two wagons seemed to be holding the small house. The house was set down in the southwest part of the new town of Vernon.

A baby boy was born in this house, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper, and was given the name of Vernon as he was the first boy born in the town.

In the front row in the picture were; Elizabeth Howard, Jane Harper, Bill Harper, Mabel Harper, Annis Harper, Josephine Kennedy Howard, Mary Ellen Sanders. The man standing by the mile was Scott Hutchins. White haired man to the rear from him was Taylor Summers. Man standing on the porch of the house was Charley Howard. J. A. Shannon and Bill Frost are in the picture.

In fact it would seem like the entire population of Vernon was at the house moving.

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MRS. O'BANION —

Mrs. O'Banion was a valient, early day settler. She had but one hand and took in washings for a living.

In spite of her handicap she paid her bills, and rent on a gaunt house that faced the Missouri-Pacific tracks. There were no electric appliances, gas, city water, washing powders or help from dependent children. Her aids were tubs, a washboard and a boiler. She could not afford a wringer. She drew water by means of a bucket, rope and pulley from a drilled well; hung clothes on a line with one hand perservance and her teeth.

Mrs. Banion cut out and sewed clothes for her family. "Ready-mades" were not plentiful. And she sent all of her children to school. She rested her body and soul in the Methodist Church on Sundays. For decades this brave woman had pioneered in the country beyond the stars "where the shadows never fall."

(This tribute to Mrs. O'Banion was written by Miss Frances Greenman in 1950.)

As one drives along the north side of Section 1, about two miles northeast of Yates Center, one comes to a sign telling of a Century Old House, in the background. This native stone house was built on a high knoll overlooking the flat land along Owl Creek.

The first house built here by Ernest Stockebrand was a log house built there not long after arriving here from Germany, in 1857. He was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Stange. They were the parents of eight children. As the family grew the need for another house to replace the log cabin grew.

Native sandstone was quarried nearby, and the rock cut and trimmed to a certain size. The rock house was built we believe in 1871. It is a seven room, two story house, facing the south and overlooking the Owl Creek Valley. The thickness of the walls were 12 inches, with the rock blocks about 12 x 16 inches. The house was built in an L shape with a porch. At the end of the porch a well was dug and in later years a tall wooden windmill was set at the well.

In later years another room was added over the well, as the windmill was torn down. Another room was added to the southwest corner.

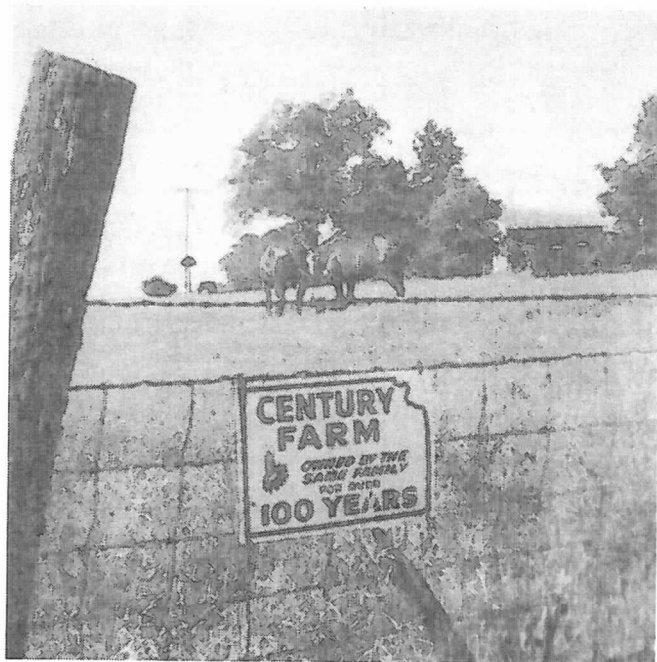
This had been a "Stockebrand" house for the past 113 years. Gerald "Deed" Stockebrand and wife Betty representing the fourth generation occupying the old rock house.



The Old Rock House with its additions as it looks today.



The north side of the Old Rock House as it appears today.



A century old barn that is still being used is on the same Ernest Stockebrand farm as the old Rock House we told about.

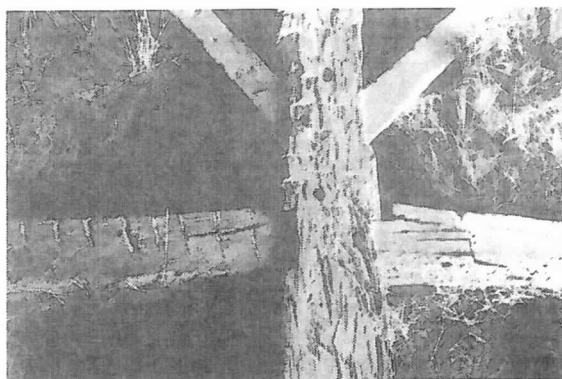
Several years ago the Kansas State Historical Society staff came to the Stockebrand farm and wanted to see this barn, telling that it is one of the last of the old barns in Kansas that has a "threshing floor" in it. However, they left and no more was heard from them. Perhaps one reason was that the floor had not been used as a threshing floor for close to a hundred years.

The section of the barn used as the "threshing floor" has been used for loose and baled hay for many years, or perhaps ever since the first threshing machine and reaper came into use.

Like many of the very first settlers, Ernest Stockebrand, soon accumulated more land and handled hundreds of sheep and cattle. The need arose for a new barn. About a hundred yards to the west and south of the stone house where there was a high knoll the lower floor of the barn was cut out.

The Woodson County Advocate, Yates Center carried this item; in July, 1881 - "Ernest Stockebrand will have the finest barn in the county when completed. It is to be 72 feet square and 24 feet high. Abe Woodruff, Ward and Augustine are doing the work".

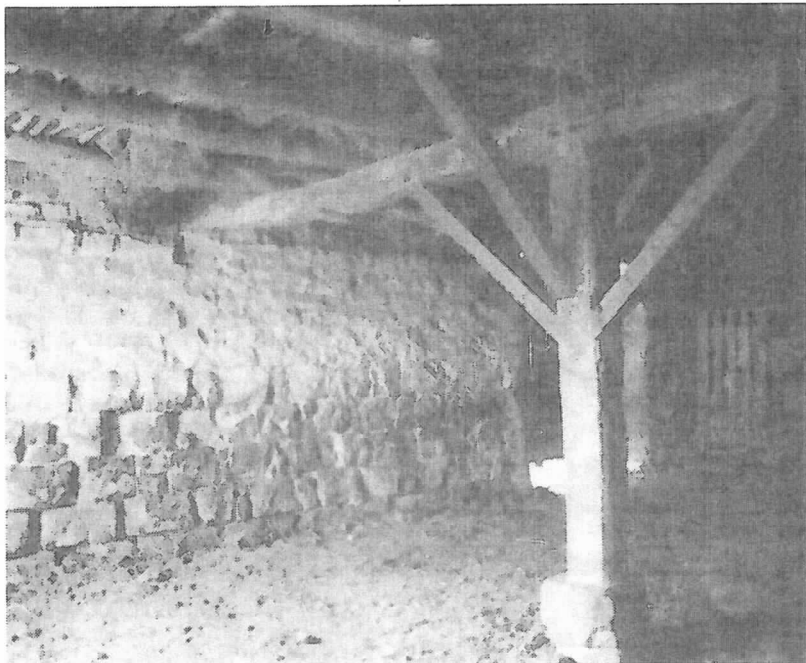
All of the stringers, braces and upright supports were hewed to size with a broadax. No nails were used, round holes were bored in the log and wooden pegs were driven in to hold the logs together.



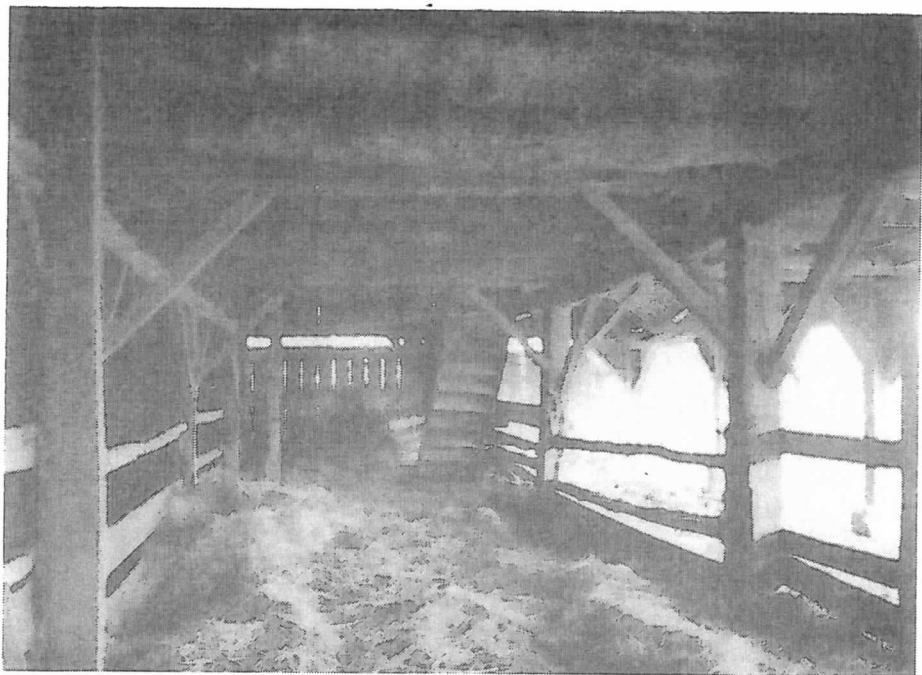
An auger was used to make the round holes and either walnut or oak pegs were whittled into size and shape. Only wooden hammers and mauls were used by the farmer to strike the mortise axes and splitting wedges.

The picture on the proceeding page shows a good example of how the old logs are still holding. The upright log shows the round holes made for the pegs. The cross beam on the right has been broken and shows the method of repair. Note how the piece has been motised in repairing.

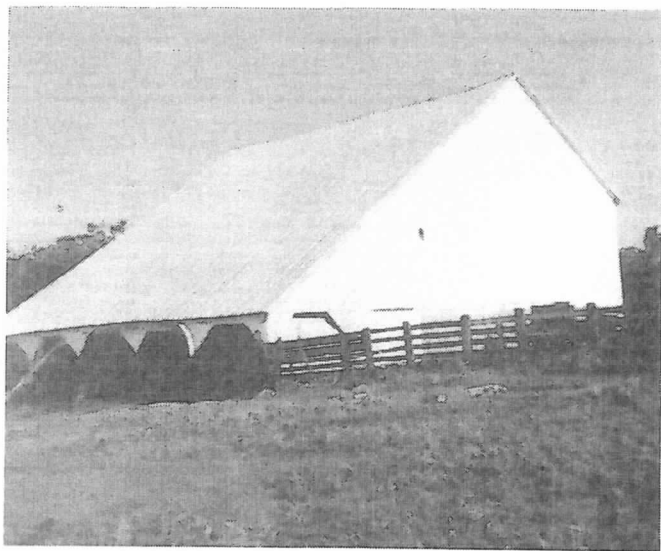
On the other side the cross piece still shows the marks of the broadax made over a hundred years ago.



The above picture is the stone foundation of the north side of the main part of the barn. Note the large logs used in this part of the barn. There are about thirty of these large upright logs with attached arms over the basement part of the barn, that brace the entire upstairs and also helped in holding many pens when the barn was used to shelter hundreds of sheep that Ernest Stockebrand had grazing over the prairie to the south and north along Owl Creek.



Long hay rack in basement part.



The old barn as it looks today.

We started this story out about the threshing floor that had been built in the barn when it was erected. Perhaps like others we could not at present find the threshing floor because of baled hay, covering the area. Also none of the present generation of this family remembers hearing about it. We will try and describe the threshing floor and its place in the barn.

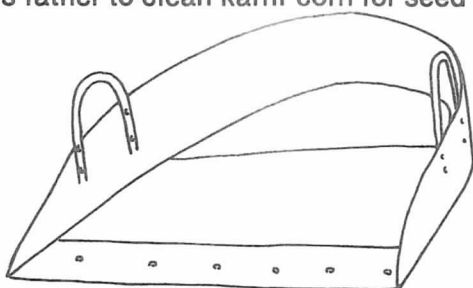
The typical early American barn was built around a threshing floor, with mows on both sides and doors on both ends of the threshing floor. A four foot mowstead or threshing wall divided the mows from the threshing area, and each mow had a ladder that was used for climbing into the storage pile. When livestock was kept below the stairway was near the main door, and hay was tossed down this stairwell or through openings in the floor - the "hay bays".

The grain bin or granary was placed at the end of one mow. It was equipped with a fine door and the hay mow extending over it. Opposite the granary was a place where threshed grain (both kernels and chaff) was stored prior to winnowing or separating. This area was called a "cove" or a "cupboard."

There were several crude ways to harvest the grain but the accepted American way was by flailing. Oats, corn, barley and wheat each had a special flail. The flail was grasped by both hands, the club end or swingle came down and broke the grain and in this manner the seeds were separated from the husk.

Separating the chaff from the grain was done on a windy day "winnowing". The threshed grain was scooped up in a winnowing tray and then tossed into the air in a windy part of the barn. The lighter chaff was carried off by the wind while the heavier grain fell back into the tray. Another method of separating was by using a sieve that was called a grain "riddle".

The writer has used a round sandscreen, that had been handed by his father to clean kaffir corn for seed in the spring of the year.



A winnowing tray made of very light and thin wood.

THE JEFFERSON HUFF FAMILY —

In the July, 1984 - Vol. 17, No. 67 Issue we told some about Jefferson Huff and family, telling of their coming to Woodson County in 1881. We told some about Jefferson and his son Andrew and family. So in this issue we will try and tell more about the rest of this family who mostly lived in the Toronto vicinity.

Mary Ellen Howard, who married Jefferson Huff, was a daughter of Dr. John and Elizabeth Howard. She was born near Birdseye, on Anderson Creek, Duboise Co., Indiana, Nov. 9, 1844. She attended such schools as the neighborhood in which she was raised in these early days afforded, and in early life under the teaching of her father, became a nurse and assisted him in important cases in his profession.

Jefferson and Mary Ellen were the parents of nine children. We will start in with the oldest son.

1-George M. was born at Birdseye, Indiana, April 10, 1861. He grew up on the Indiana farm and coming to Kansas with his parents in fall of 1881.

On October 13, 1889, he was married to Lorena Bell Peppard, at the L.L. Lovett home south of Batesville. To this couple were born six children, Dollie L., Gertrude L., Merle L., Loretta Bell, Leland A. and Jesse E. Huff. (We would especially like to tell some about the two daughters mentioned.) Dollie L. Huff was born November 1, 1891, and passed away November 24, 1971. She was married to Charles Daniel, June 21, 1911. They were the parents of one daughter, Vivian. Dollie Daniel was a Charter Member of the Woodson County Historical Society. She was one of the first six Directors of this Society. Gertrude L. Huff was a long time school teacher in this county. She was married to Howard Gibbs, May 12, 1923. They had no children. Gertrude served as Deputy County Treasurer for her husband. They lived on several farms in the north and west part of the county.

2-The story of the Andrew J. Huff family was in the July, 1984, No. 67 issue of In The Beginning.

3-Charles Wm. Huff was born in Duboise Co., Indiana, on March 3, 1869, and departed this life on January 18, 1941. He was united in marriage to Nettie E. Ritter, on November 28, 1900. Two children were born to them. Grace M. and Everett Huff. Grace M. married Jess Godwin.

4-Eliza A. (Elizabeth) Adeline was born at Birdseye, Indiana, August 2, 1863, and passed away October 31, 1951. She was united in marriage to Cornillious Murphy on November 22, 1886. Four children were born to them, the eldest dying in infancy.

Others were, Grace who married Fred McNitt. They had a son Cornelious (who married Anna Laura Klick), Thomas J. and George C. Murphy.

5-Bettie Loretta, was also born in Indiana. Most of her education was received after coming to Woodson County. Here she taught for seven years in the rural schools. On February 16, 1898, she was married to David Augustus "Gus", Ireland. To this union three children were born, Lester A. went to California with a group of boys from the vicinity. While there Lester caught pneumonia and died in January, 1924 and two daughters, Helen L. and Elma L. Helen spent many years as a teacher and educator in various schools. She married Ward Blackwell. Elma married Hale Nittler. Helen and Elma both live in Oklahoma City.

6-Margaret Huff married George Dayton. They lived in the Toronto area until 1913, when they moved to Wisconsin, and later to Michigan.

7-Mary Ellen married John Peppard. They had no children. She worked in the telephone office in Yates Center for awhile. She spent her early life in the Batesville area. On August 10, 1909 she was married to John Peppard.

8-Louisa Ann, was married to James Willaby. They had two daughters, Hazel (Stock) and Velda (Liggett).

9-Katie Lee, the youngest married Will Austin. They had two sons. Katie Lee was the only one of the Huff family to be born in Kansas.

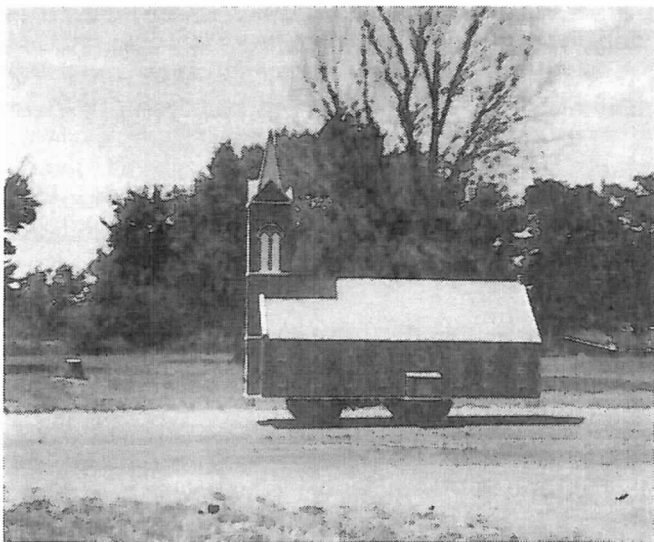


Home of Mary and Jefferson Huff, a mile and half west of Batesville.



Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1920

Back row: Eliza Murphy, Bettie Ireland, Ellen Peppard, Katie Austin, Margaret Dayton, Annie Willaby. Front row: Andrew Huff, Mary Ellen Huff, Jefferson Huff, Charlie Huff, George Huff.



The replica of the St. Martin's Church of Piqua as it rolled along in the parade.

The St. Martin's Catholic Church of Piqua, Kansas observed its 100th Anniversary, with a two day celebration on August 18 and 19, 1984.

The first church building was built and dedicated on November 11, 1884. The present St. Martin's Church building was dedicated on November 12, 1922.

The 100th anniversary was started off with a fine parade. It was a very interesting parade. Starting downtown in Piqua and ending on the parish grounds.

The afternoon was taken up with stagecoach rides, baseball game and many other attractions. There was a large crowd there in spite of the 104 degree weather.

On Sunday, August 19, the centennial mass was celebrated at noon. Bishop Eugene J. Gerber was the principal celebrant.

A fine 172 page book with many pictures of the people who belong or have belonged to this church was put together by a committee and is a fine record of that community. One of these books has been presented to the Woodson County Historical Museum.

One interesting note is that the town of Piqua has 82 inhabitants, the church census has 270 parishioners listed.

A replica of the St. Martin's Church was in the parade, we believe that the Lloyd Specht family built it. A replica of the first Catholic Church at Piqua was also in the parade.

**RURAL AND GRADE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT
AT THE
AUDITORIUM HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING
Wednesday, June Sixteen, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six
Yates Center, Kansas**

Honor graduates ranking in following order:

Catherine VanHoozer, Glenroy Heffern, Thelma Woodruff,
Stewart Wells, Melvin Wrampe, Willie Dewey.

No. 1, Byron, Ellen Smith --- No. 2, Askren, Franklin White
---No. 5, Owl Creek, Opal Clement, Lilly Ellis --- No. 6, Spawr,
Alva Reynolds --- No. 7, Punkin Kolog, Myrtle Holtz --- No. 12,
Dry Creek, Clarence Daly, Walter Daly --- No. 13, Mt. Pisgah,
Raymond Terrell --- No. 14, Cherry Creek, Danzel Crum, Helen
Wagner, Coletta Massoth, John Wagner --- No. 15, Durand,
Ruth Kiser, Viola Reno, Earl Weide, Nelson Weide --- No. 16,
Kalida, Alma Abbott, Thelma Woodruff --- No. 17, Rose, Edgar
Evans --- No. 18, Pleasant Valley, Loretta Burr, Norma Hamlett
--- No. 20, Vernon, Thelma Tannahill, Erma Tannahill, Preston
Roberts --- No. 22, Prairie Flower, Elinor Cole, Genevieve Reedy
--- No. 24, Hopewell, Lella Alderson --- No. 25, McClannahan,
Marie Ralsron, Robert Hoag, Robert Koester, No. 26, Plum
Creek, Glenroy Heffern, Irene Haen --- No. 29, Blume, Hazel
Hooten, Stewart Wells --- No. 32, Claybank, Rosalie Marquarde,
Willie Marquarde, Howard George --- No. 34, North Star, Evelyn
Denny --- No. 35, Pleasant View, Lenna Belle Wilkerson, Elsie
Stout, Harley Rork, Ivan Rork, George McKinney, --- No. 37
North Mapel Grove, Alice Hoag, Elizabeth Lind ---No. 38 Plea-
sant Hill, Eugene Etter, Alfred Opperman, --- No. 39, New York
Valley, Bennett Herder, --- No. 40, Flower Hill, Opal Wooten,
Everett Wooten, --- No. 42, Fair View, Verna Darst ---No. 43, Nik-
keltown, Margaret Cooley, Howard Massey, --- No. 44, Oakland,
Melvin Wrampe, Leo Williams, Edward Mentzer, ---No. 46, Clear
Springs, Harold Wooten, --- No. 47, Defiance -Katherine Van
Hoozer, Milton Schornick, --- No. 48, South Maple Grove, J. D.
Tolle, --- No. 49, Finney, Ruby Manifold, Lorraine Nelson,
Goldie Steele, --- No. 53, Excelsior, Lloyd Kielen, --- No. 55,
Bayless, Lorraine Easum, Barbara Schooling, --- No. 56, Stone,
Dorothy Redfearn, --- No. 57, Keck, Juanita Helmiling --- Jt. No.
59, Bell Racket, Faye Armstrong, Lorene Peek, ---Jt. No. 60, Lit-
tle Sandy, Myrl Puckett --- No. 61, Goodale, Lessie Culver, ---
No. 63, Oil Glen - Willie Dewey, Elmer Wells, Helen Simpson, ---
No. 63, Windy Point, William Bradford, --- No. 65,

Parallel, Robert Gregg, --- No. 66, Lovett, Corneliou McNitt
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 Habiger, Margaret Habiger, Margaret Bux, Evelyn Sicka,
 Frances Massoth, Ella May Diebolt. Neosho Falls-Lillian Bur-
 ton, Flossie Cooper, Winona Hamilton, Esther Hammond,
 Lucille Underhill, Geraldine Shewell, Warren Wilson, Dorothy
 Wilson, Delphine Ward, Maude Millford, Thelma Boots,
 Genevieve Donnell, Kenneth Granthem. Toronto-Eva Austin,
 Frances H. Buck, Tom Copenhagen, Margaret Casto, Lorene
 Dawson, Olive Durham, Luelle Hatcher, Maynard Moon,
 Luceba McCain, Fenno Newman, Frank Reeder, Kenneth
 Tubbs, Alberta Walden, Raymond Willaby, Marjorie Willhite.

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WOODSON COUNTY ADVOCATE, May 31, 1912
 F.M. Patterson, Editor and Proprietor —

Buffalo won its first game of the season Sunday by
 defeating Yates Center to the tune of 12 to 7. It was a slow,
 tiresome game and the fans - nor the players displayed any enthusiasm.

Wanted — 10,000 empty sacks. Harder & Weide.

The Missouri Pacific have appropriated \$12,000 for a round
 house at Durand. We are glad to know that our boys will soon
 have the desired house where they may do their work and be
 sheltered from the weather. This will make this a more impor-
 tant railway station.

The Advocate is the only paper in the county printing six
 pages of home news regularly.

June 7 —

RIDGE - Josephine Foster entertained Class No. 1, of the
 Ridge Baptist Sunday School at her home Saturday evening.
 Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake
 were served. Those present were: Misses Ruth Vice, Elsie
 Jones, Edith Dawe, Marie Brock, Myrtle Morrison, Vera Stoll,
 and Ethel Horton; Messrs Elva Jones, Ed Chandler, George
 and John Brock; Guy, Leo, Carl, Ray, Emil and Glen Stoll. Three
 out of the class could not be there.

Reuben Huffoker and Miss Bessie Frost were married June
 3rd at the Methodist by Rev. W.L. French. Mrs. Huffoker is the
 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Frost. They will make their
 home on a farm northeast of Vernon.

Dr. Reynolds and Charles Marshall purchased new
 automobiles this week. The doctor has a five-passenger Hup-
 mobile, purchased through their agent here, Roy Mertz. Mr.
 Marshall's car is a five-passenger Ford. There are now thirty-
 four automobiles in Yates Center.



The traditional 'Ol Settlers Day was held at Neosho Falls, Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, 1984, with a parade on Saturday. The parade started, following the Flag raising at the Neosho Valley Senior Center, near the schoolhouse, and across the Neosho River to Riverside Park. There were several campers' clubs at the Park, besides the large crowd coming for the parade and other activities.

The Grand Marshals for the parade were Leslie and Vesta Mentzer, who live just over the Allen County line, two miles east of Neosho Falls. They observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary in April, 1984.

They have lived on this same farm around fifty-five years of that married life. They also lived on other farms in the Neosho Falls area.

It was not possible to get a good picture of this couple riding in the parade so we took it this way in showing who they were. They have two children, Lila Bogaoz and Wm. "Bill" Mentzer, six grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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